

**Kristin Davidson**

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**From:** jeff@fishconstructionnw.com on behalf of Jeff Fish <jeff@fishconstructionnw.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 11, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** Cnty Board of County Councilors General Delivery  
**Subject:** Write Your Councilor

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Message**

Councilors,

For the better part of the last 20 yrs. I have been the Fireworks Chairman for the Hazel Dell Lions Club. We have had a fireworks permit since the middle '60's. It is our largest fundraiser, my concern is if Clark County goes to 'Safe and Sane' fireworks it would greatly reduce the principle fundraiser for the club. Our funds go to provide eyeglasses for the needy, needed school programs for Hazel Dell Elementary, and numerous other community needs. Please keep fireworks as is.

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**From:** Christofer Vinther <cdvinther@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Please Adopt Safe and Sane Fireworks

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Dear County Council,

We understand that you are considering adopting safe and sane fireworks. We want to let you know we agree and urge you to adopt immediately.

During the fireworks season individuals have broken the rules on a consistent basis. These individuals have detonated fireworks days before the allowed time and days after the moratorium is in place. Individuals have detonated fireworks, sometimes during the day, which occurs throughout the year. When we call 311, but without an exact address, enforcement does not occur.

We're not against all fireworks but the rockets and the mortars that shake our house and rattle our windows must be prohibited. Here's a sample what we had to endure on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bS6mRMfMLv4dQjcW7>

We urge you to adopt safe and sane fireworks for unincorporated Battle Ground.

Thank you,

Christofer and Kelli Vinther

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### Subject

fireworks

### Message

Recently I read that the council will be revisiting the fireworks issue in the coming months and was interested in hearing from constituents about it.

In the past, I've written to you advocating for changes that would reduce or eliminate fireworks in the more populous areas. We live in a cul de sac in Hazel Dell and know that fireworks are dangerous in such close quarters. Many times we've had burning pieces of fireworks fall on our roof, lawn and driveway - the period around the Fourth of Jul

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**Subject**

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**Message**

the period around the Fourth of July is always nervewracking for us because of that as well as the ear-splitting, house-rattling noise of large explosive devices. Please give strong consideration to eliminating personal fireworks use or, at least, allowing only safe and sane fireworks as does most of the rest of our state.

## Rebecca Messinger

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Please ban private fireworks that make loud sounds . If you are not able to ban all fireworks, even better! With our seasons getting drier and drier, these are becoming a major fire hazard as well. Fireworks also cause great anxiety to pets of all kinds.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I wish to submit my support for keeping Fireworks legal as they are already in Clark County.

One of the many nice things about living in Clark County is the small rural area feeling even though it is very near the large city. It's quite a bit different than city life. We value our freedoms and each other.

If any changes are made, they should to be better focused on enforcement of current laws and regulations. The city of Vancouver has outlawed Projectile fireworks and it has not stopped them. Doing so in Clark County would make criminals out of otherwise outstanding law abiding citizens.

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**Subject**

Fireworks Hearing 12/01/2020

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Its bad enough that we are all being forced to give up our civil liberties and now you attempt to erode more of the pride and tradition of the American spirit whilst we are all locked away. It is despicable and moreover poorly timed. This attempt to restrict an annual tradition and celebration for the independence of the greatest nation that has ever existed is subversive and short-sighted. You are ripping the soul out of a singular day whose sole intent is to remind us of the sacrifices made for our benefit by people who believed in liberty above all else, including self. This cannot be allowed to pass.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I oppose updating the rules for Sales Fireworks and what can be Lit off in Clark County outside the city limits... Rights have already been taken away from Citizen because of the city Council and our Tyrannical Governor Jay Inslee and his colleagues. Lets not take away something our kids enjoy that has been apart of 4th of July Celebrations for years in Clark County and beyond.

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**Subject**

Fireworks Limited

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

In view of the hazards of fire, we fully support limited fireworks in the County. We live in La Center, near town and there are beautiful displays in our neighborhood of private fireworks. While people enjoy them, they HAVE caused fires several times near our home. I always fear they will land on my roof or porch and wreck havoc. Let's enjoy public fireworks that are professionally handled and safer.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Please do not limit the fireworks to "safe and sane". Instead have public service announcements/postings that teach people how to properly and safely discharge them, as well as respecting others that don't appreciate the noise. You have already limited usage which I think was a good move to limit on the days before to 10pm.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I fully support a safe and sane fireworks law. I live in the Sifton area, otherwise known as Little Baghdad during the Fourth of July. Our neighborhood turns into a complete war zone and rather than enjoying the holiday I spend my time hiding from it. We can't leave since we're worried about what may happen to our house with all the Fireworks. Aside from the shear noise, we also have damage to our deck roof from fireworks. These neighborhoods are just too close together to safely shoot off fireworks. Please Please Please consider safe and sane fireworks. It's really not fair that we have to repair our house every year due to firework damage. That is why we can't have nice things.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Please, ban all fireworks that are not safe and sane in Clark County. It is irresponsible to allow our current policy to continue. It is causing friction in our neighborhood every year. It is making a mess on our public streets and the rain of burning rockets on my roof and in my flammable shrubs is very dangerous. Plus, me having to go up on the roof to clean up my neighbors trash is a threat to my safety. The noise in our neighborhood is horrible and I mean horrible. The smell of burning rocket propellant permeates our house each time these dangerous things are launched and explode over our house. I'll bet that it isn't healthy to breath these pollutants for a couple of days each summer and at the end of the year. It has gotten so bad that our family leaves Clark County and stays in a hotel in Oregon to escape the carnage every July 3rd and 4th. Why must a small group of irresponsible people control our health, sanity and lives every year? It is your responsibility to keep us safe, protect the environment and to enact laws that help us lead a better life. Ban all non safe and sane fireworks. Thank you.

## Rebecca Messinger

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**From:** Julie Olson  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** Al  
**Cc:** Rebecca Messinger  
**Subject:** Re: New Ordinance on Fireworks

Hi Mr. Anderson,

Thank you for your email. I agree with you. Also, once we pass the "safe and sane" ordinance in unincorporated Clark County, you may see Ridgefield do the same. I will reach out to Mayor Stose and check in with him on whether they are planning any further discussion on this in 2021.

Have a great weekend.

Rebecca, can you include this in the public comment for our hearing?

Thanks.

Julie Olson  
Clark County Council District 2  
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"The function of Congress is not to convert the will of the majority into law, rather its function is to hammer out on the anvil of public debate a compromise between polar positions acceptable to a majority." William McCulloch

On Nov 20, 2020, at 1:05 PM, Al <[alford.anderson@comcast.net](mailto:alford.anderson@comcast.net)> wrote:

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The Honorable Julie Olson,

I am a resident of Ridgefield, WA and I support this new law that will be addressed on 1 December 2020.

I am sadden to see that it only effects the unincorporated area of our county .

This type of restriction needs to be in place throughout all of Clark County.

There is no safe place for the type of fireworks that will become unlawful to have or sell when 5.28.035 takes effect.

Two years ago I and a number of residents of Ridgefield talked to the city council about the dangers of this type fireworks.

The City Council did nothing to stop this very dangerous practice within our city .

Perhaps you could talk to them about the dangers of this type of fireworks to property and health and safety.

We also have the danger of fires in our greenbelt areas. The noise and litter are very problematic for many people.

I am a combat Veteran and specifically the type of fireworks that are going to be come unlawful have a very negative effect on me when they are used In front of my home.

R/S

Alfred Anderson

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Ridgefield, Wa.

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**Subject**

Fireworks - Safe & Sane Consideration

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Clark County Councilors:

My name is Raymond Woodson, Sr., and I Pastor the Vancouver United Pentecostal Church. Vancouver UPC has sold fireworks in Clark County for 34 years, and has appreciated the opportunity to do so. Every year, no matter the profits raised, our profits benefit children and youth in our 39 Counties and State, as well as ministries sacrificially reaching into many 3rd-world countries. Efforts pursued prior to fireworks sales by our church to fund-raise through a variety of methods resulted in minute-profits comparatively, and benefits to others were likewise little to none comparatively. I know that the success of our annual fireworks sales has been due to its unique 'Class C' approval, and more so since Vancouver's Annual Fireworks Show has become a 'thing of the past'. The citizens of Clark County are very patriotic, and the celebration of July 4th - Independence Day is a very important opportunity for such citizens to celebrate our nation's freedoms. Appreciation for the right to celebrate together via such 'demonstrative fireworks' is expressed every year by our customers to our sales teams; and concern for these rights to be limited to ground fireworks [i.e.: "unlawful to ... travel more than 1 foot into the air or more than 6 feet on the ground"], or the complete outlaw of fireworks sales and use, as has already occurred within Vancouver City Limits, is looked upon by many customers as 'government intrusions'

into citizen freedoms.

There can be no doubt that Fireworks are LOUD. Yet, those that are displayed legally on July 4th every year is ONE of 2-DAYS of 365 that such legally takes place. Those that set them off prior to July 4th or December 31st are often impatient youth, and many of the extremely loud fireworks are purchased via 'Reservation Sales'. Speaking of which, it is well known that tribal sales via ilani WILL NOT be regulated equally, and instead of allowing competition to minimize temptation to purchase tribal fireworks, changing the law to 'Safe and Sane' only will absolutely guarantee increased illegal fireworks detonations due to their local availability.

As a citizen of Clark County, and as a conscientious voter, I am deeply troubled by the actions of a few Councilors whose 'views' subrogate our entire citizenry via these limitations. The necessity to 'act' prior to the installation of the duly elected County Council in January increases my concern that whoever is 'pushing' this through believes they will not have the votes to do so if they wait. Elected officials that push such efforts through on this basis raise the level of government distrust in the voting citizenry, and create the aura that such officials DO NOT fit the definition of a true Representative Government.

It has been stated by numbers of citizens at past City and County meetings that actions like this one that affects the entire unincorporated County should be brought to the people by vote, and not via Council consent alone. Please reconsider your present actions scheduled for December 1st, and postpone such until such a vote by the citizenry can be properly offered, investigated, debated, and voted upon.

Thank you.

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**Name**

Jessica

**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I live in the Felida-Starcrest neighborhood and am a proud to be a native to Clark County. I love to celebrate all of our national holidays with pomp and circumstance and the fourth of July is no exception. However, I cannot describe the amount of sheer distress that the fireworks in our community cause myself and our family. It is unimaginable to me how so many residents can, on these few days per year, completely disregard their neighbors who are struggling from health concerns and need rest, have sleeping infants who they have worked so hard to put down, have inconsolable animals in extreme distress, or, like me, are essential workers who do not get the day off and are trying to sleep for their shift the following day. The latter is the least of my concerns. During any other time of the year these disturbances would be reportable to police. On behalf of all of the above named groups I urge you to please pass a safe and sane fireworks policy. The fireworks in our area cause more distress than enjoyment because of the extent in which they are allowed to be used.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

My husband and I live near E. Mill Plain and Grand, and it has been horrible to have to listen to fireworks that are brought here from outside of the City of Vancouver. On the Fourth of July there were 3 hours of constant explosions in all directions around our house. It felt as if we were under attack, and for veterans with PTSD it must have been especially distressing. Our cat was terrified, as I'm sure pets throughout the neighborhood were. I'm not looking forward to New Year's Eve, because it's been nearly as bad then, too. Please help us by getting rid of fireworks in Clark County.

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Dustin Allen

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**Subject**

Fireworks restrictions

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I cannot stress how strongly I am against the curtailment of fireworks on the 4th of July. I personally would much rather have my property taxes raised to support local fire/police departments to be better equipped to deal with the unfortunate side effects of irresponsible 4th of July celebrations, much more so than destroying the best holiday in our society by eliminating essentially the most spectacular fireworks. Please, leave the 4th of July alone.

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Submitted on Fri, 11/20/2020 - 5:02 PM

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I support the full on ban of fireworks - therefore please feel free to limit and restrict any and all fireworks. I would prefer a ban.

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**Name**

Darcy Kennedy

**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I support the proposed change to the fireworks considered acceptable in Clark County. Fireworks are noisy, a fire hazard, damaging to the environment, and terrifying to my dogs. I'd be happier if you would ban \*all\* fireworks, but I'll take what I can get.

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Fireworks

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**Comment**

We live in Brush Prairie on a 5 acre lot with horses, a donkey and goats. Every year we spend \$1,000 to sedate our animals due to neighbors setting off Disneyland style fireworks. I don't appreciate having to spend \$1,000 each year for a half hour of someone burning up their money.

Another reason this should not be allowed, one of these years a fire will be set.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

To the fellow citizens of clark county and our elected officials.

Every year we celebrate Independence day. Better known most as the 4th of July. The true meaning of this day has been lost in the politics, political correctness, and divisions in today's society. We must never forget the sacrifices others have made in gaining our independence and freedoms. Furthermore we should not disregard the continual sacrifices still made to keep what has been gained for everyone. As stated best in "The Declaration of Independence;" "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Fireworks make people happy, and they should have the liberty to enjoy them. Can we just for a moment stop and consider the "why." The reason we celebrate or how we celebrate is different for everyone. Before we argue about whether we can't sleep or if it bothers your animals, think of the many others with different views. One might argue that fireworks aren't even American because we buy them from China. As I stated before; the most important part is the why. Why use fireworks instead of something else to celebrate? Because we can. It makes us happy. Fireworks bring community together. Fireworks are spectacular. They are a beautiful visual and audio reminder of the "why" we celebrate. Our children love them. When they ask why we do it, we can tell them why we love "the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air" we sing in our beloved national anthem.

We love our country. We love our families. We love our faith. We love our freedoms. With all freedoms we must also be considerate. There's times and places. Fireworks are neither insane or unsafe on their own. A few bad actors ruin it for everyone. One must use rationality with fireworks. Why destroy what's important to so many people as part of their "why" for generations to come. Please consider retaining our liberties and happiness. On another note. 2020 has been such a dumpster fire of a year for so many. Why not celebrate the new year with a good audio and visual celebration as well.

Thank you.

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Submitted on Fri, 11/20/2020 - 9:35 PM

**Subject**  
Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**  
Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

My family and I moved up here to Hockinson almost 4 years ago and I was shocked to find out that fireworks were/are legal in our wooded area. We have neighbors that feel the need to blast off huge fireworks every July 3rd and 4th. It only takes one firework to start a brush fire and destroy everything around us, including our homes. It's not only a fire hazard but we have to pay out of pocket to have our horses sedated both days to avoid them hurting themselves from the loud unnecessary noise. I am in favor of fireworks being banned in our area.

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### Subject

Fireworks

### Date of Hearing

Tue, 12/01/2020

### Comment

I'm all for banning/limiting use of fireworks of any kind. But specifically ones that make huge loud bangs and/or are extremely bright. Not only is it traumatic for veterans, sensitive pets and babies but it is highly disturbing to wildlife. The usual time for fireworks is June/July which is a crucial season for migratory and native birds and their young. Loud and bright fireworks have been known to cause numerous avian injuries including deafness and death from disorientation. Birds will also sometimes flee their roosts leaving their young to die. And it doesn't stop there; June and July is also some of the driest months which is cause for concern for wildfires, which have only gotten worse due to climate change. To truly decide how and why to limit/ban fireworks, all one needs to consider are the pros and cons of fireworks. We haven't even mentioned how firework packaging can sometimes portray racist imagery, or how they litter the streets and parks, or how they blow off kids fingers, or how they can destroy private property! There are dozens and dozens of cons and truly only one real pro: they're brilliant and amazing for a second. That's it.

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**Subject**

No Firework Restrictions

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Restrictions on the sale or use of fireworks would have significantly adverse affects on our community. Most groups rely on firework sales for their annual fundraisers, from little league, to bands, to schools, to cheerleaders, 4H clubs, churches, veterans groups, the list of groups that are funded by firework sales is long. The county and state relies on sales tax revenue for it's budget, the amount if lost sales tax would not be small. The Cowlitz Indian Tribe as a sovereign tribe would still be exempt from both sale and use of fireworks. Many people would simply go up to Ilani Casino and buy 'illegal' fireworks. Enforcement would be nearly impossible. In a time when Black Lives Matter and defund the police are at the for font of everyone's minds, placing restrictions on fireworks would simply stress our police unnecessarily. Discharging a firearm still legal. Regardless of restrictions placed on 'fireworks' people could simply make their own with firearms as the discharge of firearms in unincorporated Clark County is still perfectly legal. Living in Clark County is a choice. Clark County is a part of the free United States of America because of the brave sacrifice of our men and women in uniform. If people feel so strongly about fireworks then they are able to relocate out of Clark County. Veterans with PTSD do it every July 4. They do not restrict people from celebration of freedom, nor

should Clark County.

For these reasons I urge you to not take any action on fireworks

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**Kristin Davidson**

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**To:** Eileen Quiring O'Brien  
**Cc:** Temple Lentz; Julie Olson; John Blom; Gary Medvigy  
**Subject:** Please Ban Fireworks

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I am a disabled veteran and belong to a group of disabled military veterans numbering over 300. Many of us have to leave Clark County for days and rent a motel room to escape the fireworks noise.

Now with COVID we cannot even rent a motel safely. The year I stayed in my home it took medication and two weeks for my PTSD to recover the 4th of July. Fireworks pander to a 8 years old boys mentality and have no place in an urban environment.

Please stop the insanity - this scares domestic and wild animals. Every year veterinarians see hundreds of injured animals from fireworks. One of our neighbors horses ran through a barbed wire fence and domestic animals run away in huge numbers - call local animal shelters for the truth on this.

Finally fireworks contain hundreds of highly toxic chemicals that are banned in the USA except in fireworks. These chemicals stay in the soil and are tracked into homes for hundreds of years.

PLEASE VOTE NO FIREWORKS...PLEASE!

Dr. James R. Roberts

## Kristin Davidson

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**From:** Krsul, Marc F <Marc.Krsul@edwardjones.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 8:55 AM  
**To:** Cnty Board of County Councilors General Delivery  
**Subject:** Firework hearing 12/1/2020

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To whom it may concern,

Growing up I was an avid fireworks fan! Whistling peaks, black cats, lady fingers and smoke bombs. Dangerous to a very small degree but also very controllable. Today the fireworks are flat out amazing and incredible! With that said their danger and intrusive size and sound are very disturbing to neighbors and their pets. I support a limit to the fireworks that are full on display like and can be seen for miles. Those should be done by professionals where the community gathers at Officer Row or other community designated areas.

But, and a very big but! The smaller more controllable fireworks should absolutely be allowed and for a longer time frame. Spinning Bees, ground flowers, most any fountain variety, sparklers, TANKS with report and the list can go on and on. Their sound is muted, their true danger to persons and properties are extremely limited given the joy they bring families and kids to celebrate our phenomenal nation that was truly created for all, but not all fireworks!

Should you deem a task force necessary to determine which fireworks are appropriate and which ones should be banned and you need local residents to participate I would be willing to be apart of it.

Marc Krsul  
Ridgefield resident and business operator

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Submitted on Sat, 11/21/2020 - 7:26 AM

**Name**

Barbara Chaney

**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Every year I worry that our roof or grass is going to catch fire on July 4th; our dogs hate the noise and so do we; and frankly I resent cleaning up other peoples' messes after the party is over. That being said, I am sick of our rights being taken away and governmental overreach. I respectfully request that the laws regarding fireworks in Clark County remain the same so that those who wish to celebrate as in the past can continue to do so. Thank you.

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# Clark County

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**Subject**

Safe and sane fireworks in unincorporated Clark County

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

As a resident of unincorporated Clark County, I implore the Council to ban the fireworks that go off all day and night making any kind of family and friends getting together impossible. Our pets are driven to uncontrollable tremors and fright. When I grew up "fireworks" were for small children with parental supervision. We worry every summer of trees catching fire or worse, as I experienced, a firework exploded on my roof, we are not able to get up on the roof to remove the garbage. The kind being set off now sound like we are in a war zone and they are NOT only used on the 4th. Currently, November 21, 2020, someone in my area sets off a booming firework on a regular basis.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I am in opposition to new restrictions on fireworks. Please don't take this way of celebrating away from the public. Our government has already added unreasonable restrictions on the public regarding fireworks in 2016 and further restrictions would only alienate your constituents and take our freedoms away. It has been a very long standing tradition to celebrate our independence from an overcontrolling government by having family gatherings and setting off fireworks. Stop over reaching your authority and allow the public to have more choices in how they choose to celebrate holidays. If firework safety is a major concern, then implement ways of teaching safety precautions surrounding how to use fireworks safely. Don't just take them away. And to those who are pushing this agenda due to your own life experiences, please seek therapy instead of forcing the rest of us to lose our rights due to your trauma.

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**Subject**

Pending discussion on fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I read with interest that the Council is again holding discussion on the issue of fireworks in the unincorporated portion of the county which includes our home.

My wife and I support the incorporation of restrictions to permit only safe and sane fireworks to the County Code.

We find the noise generated by aerial fireworks to be extremely objectionable and harmful to our pet. Additionally, they pose a completely unnecessary fire risk which is all the more dangerous with the increasingly serious fire conditions we have seen in the recent past. This year, for example, I found a parachute from exploding aerial fireworks in one of our evergreen trees. This parachute was used to carry a burning component which constitutes a potential hazard of fire when landing.

For those who feel they must have aerial fireworks, we support the re-institution of public fireworks events once the pandemic permits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike & Patty Guthrie

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Although I do not enjoy the loud explosive fireworks going on all night past midnight, I think the 4th of July is a very important day and time to celebrate what freedom we currently have left in this country. I'm over the government's overreach and I have to ask that we continue to let people who want to use fireworks use them responsibly.

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**Subject**

Fireworks change

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

While I dont agree with existing ruling, I appreciate the proposed change. The fact that a sparkler is illegal in city is untterly ridiculous!

Many of the arguements against ANY fireworks are not an accutate representative of the community. I work with multiple veterans orgs and many Vets enjoy the 4th of July celebrations and are not hindered by the noise! Previously, before the ban, 30 or more Veterans came to our neighborhood spectacular which was also hosted by a multi-tour combat Veteran!

One big reason I relocated here, Vancouver was our love of fireworks on the 4th. I dont have to leave my home, fight traffic, or crowds nor pay a fee. I can have my own show! To ban everything is ridiculous. Its 1 or 2 days a year. For those complaining of noise, We all have to deal with others working on their homes year round with no say. (7am roofing project that goes on 5 days for instance). One night wont hurt anyone!

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Please adopt the proposed changes. This will improve the quality of life for myself and my family. We have come to dread the 4th of July and New Years Eve. Thank you!

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

My family enjoys the fireworks display of various neighbors and doesn't feel there should be further restrictions put in place. It's only one evening a year, and while we personally don't participate in shooting off these big fireworks, it allows us to stay home and enjoy the show. Neighbors have been responsible in cleaning up after and we've been happy to help. With so many restrictions this year due to covid, please don't take away the one night a year where neighbors can gather outside and harmlessly participate in a fun activity to celebrate our freedoms!

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**Name**

Andrew Ferguson

**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Our family has hosted a 4th of July Celebration for the last 15 years with approximately 150 guests each year on our little lot of 5 acres. This event has provided a safe environment for children of all ages. We start the night off with a line of children wanting to light sparklers. As they come through single file and we light their sparkler, it is so fun to see a their face light up as they get that first sparkler of the night then keep coming back for more. We then move to an area where parents can let their teenagers light fountains and other small to medium fireworks going 3 feet up to 40 feet in the air. These are small fireworks that would no longer be allowed by this new law. Taking away a meaningful part of this celebration. And these teenagers, if having a place to do this activity safely, in a controlled environment, only one day of the year would be less likely to take fireworks to remote locations of our forested county and light them. Please do not pass this law and remove an integral part of our 4th of July and New Years celebrations. Instead, consider enforcing activities like thoroughly watering an area where fireworks will be used, cleaning debris off roofs and out of gutters, and enforce laws that require people to be back as high as the firework goes. If it goes high in the air... then stay far away. Rural county can light these larger fireworks far away from people, buildings and trees. Our celebration ends with a 20 minute timed display of small, medium and large cakes and mortars. All county legal purchased from legitimate vendors. Adults and children alike walk away with that amazed excitement only fireworks can bring and have represented 4th of July celebrations for generations. A disgrace to destroy this aspect of the 4th. Please keep these laws limited to Portland and state of Oregon. Don't follow them. For people that appreciate this once a year celebration of fireworks, let us celebrate. We've already been restricted to one day to light on 4th of July. Please don't limit that to a foot off the ground.



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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

I realize that there are limits in Vancouver for how high fire works should go. I understand the concern within the city limits but to do it for all of Clark County is not right. My family and I have attended a friend's fireworks show in a rural area for many years. About 150 people attend. The kids safely can light sparklers. The teens can safely light fountains. Our friend then ends the night with a spectacular safe fireworks show in the sky on his property that even his neighbors come and enjoy. This is a great safe place that my children have enjoyed for many years as a tradition for 4th of July celebration. Please do not take this away from responsible citizens in rural areas in Clark County.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Dear Councilors,

I applaud you for considering restrictions on personal fireworks allowed in unincorporated Clark County and urge you to approve the ordinance allowing only fireworks considered "safe and sane."

This past New Year's Eve and 4th of July were completely out of hand in my neighborhood. There were numerous large fireworks being launched on my street and surrounding streets, many of which were nothing more than a loud sonic boom. This happens every year on New Year's Eve and 4th of July, and happens other times as well (such as the recent election night). The fireworks have gotten progressively worse in terms of loudness and length of use, often going well past midnight. It is very unsafe and we are always concerned about fire hazard, as we have several tall fir trees in our backyard and surrounding area. When there is a lack of precipitation, the fire hazard is obviously much greater.

Besides the safety issue, most all pets in our neighborhood are completely terrified, and some have even run away. Our dog now refuses to go outside in the dark for a full week after fireworks because she is still so scared of the noise she

heard several nights earlier. Some of our neighbors' pets have run away. Pets are not the only ones scared by this - there are small children, and adults with PTSD or mental health issues, for example.

There is no good reason for residential neighborhoods to have the large fireworks that are currently legal in the unincorporated area. People who want to see large displays can find them. Moreover, the large displays are usually run by professionals who have safety measures in place to prevent fires and injury, and they are held away from homes, vehicles and vegetation that could easily catch fire.

I am really hoping that you will take this seriously. The current laws allow for unnecessary use of fireworks that does nothing more than present hazards to the public safety and welfare. As Councilors, it is your obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and you could do so by significantly restricting the use of personal fireworks.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to discuss this further with you if you would like.

Sincerely,  
Mindy Harris

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Every July 4th, we enjoy participating in private fireworks displays, all of which are executed carefully, with appropriate fire and public safety. In more than 15 years, I have not observed, either personally, or corporately, safety incidents that would lead me to conclude we needed more regulation. Clark County residents, as a whole, handle fireworks carefully, and should be allowed to continue to do so.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

Should anyone be allowed to force others to do something they don't want to do?

Many people and their pets don't like explosions. Fireworks should be banned, except in special locations.

Explosions can be someone firing a gun. Explosions can be dangerous failures of utilities. That's scary.

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**Subject**

Fireworks

**Date of Hearing**

Tue, 12/01/2020

**Comment**

My wife and I support outlawing all fireworks in the Vancouver Metro areas except those that are displayed by the professionals. My wife worked as an ER RN as well as a trauma nurse and saw all sorts of devastating injuries to children as well as adults. We also have 2 dogs that get anxious during the fireworks season, one of them has epilepsy which increases the incidence of seizures. Now, with the nearby wildfires we must be much more diligent with flammables of this sort to protect property and life. Thank You. Sincerely, Jack W. Dunlap

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